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OF PRINCIPLES: PRELIMINARY SYNTHESIS OF RESERVATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: SOME 40 REPS DELIVERED STATEMENTS MAY 1-2
FOLLOWING PLENARY ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE OF DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, THE LATTER INCLUDING SPECIAL
MEASURES FOR THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. ALL PERM MEMBERS
OF SC, 18 WEOS, 4 EES PLUS CUBA, AND 6 LAS SPOKE. OTHERS
WERE ZAIRE, IRAQ, ALGERIA, CYPRUS, AND IRAN. NOTABLY SPARSE
WERE STATEMENTS BY MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (ONLY SUDAN),
AFRICANS AND ASIANS. LOGICALLY, AT A SESSION DOMINATED BY
LDC CONCERNS, SERIOUS RESERVATIONS AND MOST SIGNIFICANT
INTERPRETIVE FORMULATIONS WERE EXPRESSED BY WEOS. END SUMMARY
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2. AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT DELIVERED MAY 1 (REFTEL) EXPRESSED A NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS ON THE RESOLUTIONS AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION. IT IS COMFORTING TO NOTE THAT MANY OF THE SAME RESERVATIONS WERE FORMALLY EXPRESSED BY REPS OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING THAT LDCS, MANY OF WHOM IN PRIVATE EXPRESSED QUALMS, RESERVATIONS OR DISAPPOINTMENT RE THE WORK SCHEME OF THE ASSEMBLY AND/OR ITS OUTCOME, FELT CONSTRAINED, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, TO REMAIN PUBLICLY SILENT THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.

3. A PRELIMINARY SYNTHESIS OF THE RESERVING REMARKS CONTAINED IN CLOSING STATEMENTS FOLLOWS. FULL TEXT OF RESERVATIONS OF FRG, EC-9, UK, CANADA, JAPAN AND FRANCE FORWARDED SEPTELS. THESE COUNTRIES TOGETHER WITH THE US PRODUCED LENGTHY BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXHAUSTIVE LISTS OF RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETIVE REMARKS. THE FOUR EE INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION EMBRACED THE SESSION'S DOCUMENTATION ALTHOUGH THEY ELLIPTICALLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS REGARDING ABSENCE OF DIRECT REFERENCE IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM OF ACTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE AND THE REDUCTION OF BUDGETS. WHILE ACCEPTING FINAL DECISIONS AND HAILING THEM AS VICTORY FOR THIRD WORLD OVER THE TWO SUPER POWERS, CHINA EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL OF THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE, WHICH PERMEATES THE DOCUMENTATION, AND FORMULATIONS CONCERNING A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR.

4. RESERVATIONS FELL IN FOLLOWING AREAS (COUNTRIES EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS IN FINAL PLENARY STATEMENTS IN BRACKETS).

(A) THE EXERCISE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH NATIONALIZATION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW OR PRACTICE. (EC-9, JAPAN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SPAIN AND AUSTRIA).

(B) THE ROLE OF PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS. (EC-9, JAPAN, SWEDEN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SPAIN AND AUSTRIA).

(C) INDEXATION OF COMMODITY AND MANUFACTURED GOODS PRICES. (EC-9, JAPAN, SWEDEN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRIA).

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(D) CODES OF CONDUCT

(1) LINER CONFERENCES (UK, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, FRG, JAPAN, SWEDEN AND ITALY).

(2) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (JAPAN, FRANCE AND UK).

(E) CONFLICTS WITH ON-GOING TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS. (EC-9, SWEDEN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SPAIN AND JAPAN).

(F) UMBRELLA COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND BUFFER-STOCKS.
(EC-9, AND AUSTRALIA).

(G) IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TARGETS.
(EC-9, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA).

5. REFERENCE IN PARAGRAPH 4 TO EC-9 RESERVATIONS IS INTENDED TO COVER NOT ONLY RESERVATIONS COMMONLY AGREED TO BY THE NINE BUT ALSO, FROM ISSUE TO ISSUE, VARYING DEGREES OF INDIVIDUALLY EXPRESSED NATIONAL RESERVATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE UK AND FRG MADE PARTICULARLY STRONG RESERVATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY IN THEIR STATEMENTS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE STATEMENT DELIVERED IN THE NAME OF THE EC-9 BY AMB. GEHLOFF. CONTRARILY, THE NETHERLANDS NATIONAL STATEMENT, WHILE EMBRACING THE EC-9 STATEMENT, WAS VERY CONSIDERABLY MORE APPROVING OF THE UNGA DECISIONS.

6. STRONGEST RESERVATIONS WERE EXPRESSED ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. CANADA AND JAPAN SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED HAD A VOTE BEEN TAKEN ON THE PROGRAM. OTHERS DESCRIBED THE PROGRAM AS BEING "START OF A PROCESS" OR "INDICATING GENERAL DIRECTION" FOR UN ACTIVITIES, AND THUS EFFECTIVELY DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS. THE EC-9, HAD A VOTE BEEN TAKEN, WOULD HAVE GONE ALONG WITH THE DECLARATION, BUT ABSTAINED ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

7. A NUMBER OF REPS MADE COMMENTS ON SECTION 10 OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DEALING WITH SPECIAL MEASURES. MOST WEOS INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO COOPERATE IN UN ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR ASSISTANCE TO MSAS (EC-9, CANADA, NORWAY, JAPAN), WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS.

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8. USUN WILL ATTEMPT SUBSEQUENTLY TO SYNTHESIZE THE LDCS' RESERVATIONS GARNERED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. THE FACT THAT FEW NON-ALIGNED OR G-77 COUN
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